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1.(C) In a private meeting with Prime Minister (PM) Said Musa on the afternoon of May 31, Amb. Dieter delivered points per refteel (A). The Ambassador emphasized that Guatemala would be a more responsible member of the UNSC than Venezuela, and that the U.S. was concerned by reports that representatives of the Government of Belize (GoB) recently had lobbied other CARICOM members to oppose Guatemala,s candidacy. PM Musa replied that:

(A) The GoB had - really launched an anti-Guatemala campaign.8

(B) Nevertheless, the least Guatemala could do would be to keep good faith and live up to its commitments. Specifically, the resettlement of the Santa Rosa community &should be accomplished now.8 Once this had been done, Belize would not oppose Guatemala,s candidacy for the UNSC, although the GoB still would be unlikely to cast its vote in favor Guatemala.

2.(C) The Ambassador then reiterated that, from the U.S. perspective, any linkage of Guatemala,s candidacy for the UNSC with the longstanding border dispute was misplaced: the former had serious implications for the wider international community, while the border dispute should continue to be addressed through the OAS. A misplaced linkage of the two might even complicate progress on the border issue. PM Musa then said that:

(A) His Government,s understanding was that Guatemala was &dragging its feet8 on the resettlement of Santa Rosa: its Government originally had committed to make land available within Guatemala for the settlers, but now was asking to be paid for the land. It appeared that -hing was happening.8

(B) Nevertheless, the GoB would not lobby CARICOM to support Venezuela,s candidacy for the UNSC. In fact, &we had hoped that a third party would come forward8 as a Western Hemisphere candidate for the UNSC.  
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